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25X1 1. On 10 August 1953.

25X1 General Heinz Hoffmann had ordered that Operation H be started on
the same day. The purpose of Operation H was to recruit 1,800 officer
25X1 candidates and 15,000 volunteers to serve as EM. The recruiting commission
was headed by Major Schlenzig (fnu) also included Captain Kern
(fnu) and Senior Lieutenant Hiemer (fnu). The recruiting commission is to
visit FDI Kreis units, secondary schools and factories and recruit
juveniles from 17 to 20 years old. The 1,800 officer candidates are to be
recruited by 1 October 1952. By the same date, the quotas of volunteers
required were to be communicated to the Bezirk registration offices.

2. The following directives were laid down for the work of the recruiting commission:

Former German Army officers will not be accepted, while former NCOs will be recruited.

Those older than 30 years will be made senior lieutenants, those under 30 years lieutenants. In secondary schools recruiting efforts will have to be concentrated on boys who probably will not pass the matriculation examination because it is believed that these students will feel more inclined to join the KVP. With regard to officer candidates, some of workers are to be given priority. They must be declared as politically reliable by the PDJ and must be efficient in sports. Contrary to former procedures the prospective officer candidates are not to be assured by the promise of high pay.

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25X1 1. [redacted] comment [redacted] the information contained in the present
report is essentially correct. The beginning, in mid-August, of a new KVP
25X1 [redacted] registration offices.

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25X1 [redacted] It is not quite clear whether the quota of 16,800 volunteers is to be filled by the recruiting commission alone or whether this figure also included the quotas assigned to the registration offices; however, it is believed that the latter assumption is correct. Since about 20,000 KVPs are believed to be due for discharge, the objective fixed for the new recruiting campaign indicates that the personnel strength of the KVP will be reduced.

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